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MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) -- Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Special Agent Daniel Gilbride received the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award at U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (NAVSO) Headquarters Dec. 19.

NAVSO Commander, Rear Adm. James W. Stevenson Jr., presented Gilbride with the award on behalf of Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter during a short ceremony and citation.

Gilbride received the award for his outstanding work as the NCIS Liaison to NAVSO from December 2006 to January 2008. Gilbride was cited as having "excelled during his tenure, far exceeding command expectations concerning criminal investigative, counterterrorism and counter-intelligence support."

"Special Agent Gilbride's contributions to the safety and security are immeasurable," said Stevenson. "I am pleased to be able to give this small thanks to him on behalf of the U.S. Navy."

Gilbride participated in numerous force protection detachments' site surveys throughout NAVSO's area of focus, providing over 40 counter-intelligence and counter-terrorism updates to the staff while liaising with national and international agencies in support of NAVSO's mission.

He coordinated NCIS support for the 2007 multi-national Partnership of the Americas deployment, USNS Comfort (T-AH 020) humanitarian assistance deployment and the Global Fleet Station deployment.

Gilbride represented NAVSO at the highest national levels during multiple high-profile counter-terrorism investigations, and provided expert coordination between the command and law enforcement authorities in multiple cases under civilian jurisdiction, ensuring NAVSO received timely updates on case disposition.

"It has been a privilege to serve as NCIS's representative to NAVSO during such a key period in our Navy's relations with our Latin American neighbors," said Gilbride. "Hard work by the deployed NCIS agents supporting Mayport based vessels was the key to the success of our team."

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